



Service Organizations

A comprehensive listing of public and government organizations providing support targeted to service members and their families.

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Providing policy, tools, and resources to further enhance the quality of life of service members and their families.

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MILITARY SERVICE RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS

Each branch of Service has a relief organization that provides service members and their families with financial assistance in times of need. Typically, these organizations provide emergency financial assistance to address the following needs:

- food, rent, and utilities
- emergency transportation and vehicle repair
- funeral expenses
- medical/dental expenses
- personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen
- undergraduate-level education for children of service members through scholarships based primarily on financial need

The Service relief organizations do not provide financial assistance to:

- pay bills for nonessentials
- finance ordinary leave, liberty, or vacation
- pay fines or legal expenses
- pay taxes
- liquidate or consolidate debt
- purchase a home or make home improvements
- purchase, rent, or lease a vehicle
- cover bad checks or pay credit card bills
- help service members and their families live beyond their means

The financial assistance is usually provided to service members and their families through interest-free loans. When repayment is determined to cause a hardship on the family, the assistance can be provided through a grant that does not need to be repaid, or through a combination of grants and interest-free loans. The individual branches of Service relief organizations are [Army Emergency Relief \(AER\)](#), [Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society \(NMCRS\)](#), [Air Force Aid Society \(AFAS\)](#), and [Coast Guard Mutual Assistance](#).

CASUALTY ASSISTANCE

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

The VA offers bereavement counseling to parents, spouses, and children of military personnel who died in the service of their country. Family members of reservists and National Guardsmen who die while on duty are also eligible. VA's bereavement counseling is free of charge and provided at community-based Vet Centers. More information can be found on the [VA Bereavement Counseling website](#).

The VA Vet Center program is designed to provide readjustment counseling to veterans exposed to the uniquely stressful conditions of military service in a combat theatre of operations. Community-based Vet Centers also provide bereavement counseling services to surviving parents, spouses, children, and siblings of service members who die while on active duty, to include federally activated Reserve and National Guard personnel. Bereavement counseling includes a broad range of transition services including outreach, counseling, and referral services for family members. There is no cost for VA bereavement counseling. More information is available by contacting the Readjustment Counseling Service at 202-461-6530 or online at the [Vet Center website](#).

Army

The Army Casualty website provides casualty assistance resources for family members to assist them in their time of bereavement. Operated by the Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operation Center (CMAOC), the Army Casualty site contains links to publications, laws, forms, benefits, terms, acronyms, and the Survivor's Casualty Assistance Guide. More information is available on the [Army Casualty website](#).

The MyArmyBenefits website provides summaries of federal and state benefits for over 150 programs to include detailed information on the benefits available to active duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, Army National Guard Soldiers on federal and state active duty, Army National Guard Soldiers in drilling status, activated Army Reserve Soldiers, and drilling Army Reserve Soldiers. Included on the site are separate sections for [Burial and Memorial Benefits](#), [Continued Housing Benefits for Survivors](#), [Death Gratuity Payments](#), [Dependency and Indemnity Compensation](#), [Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance](#), and the [Survivor Benefit Plan](#).

Army Emergency Relief (AER) is a private, nonprofit organization whose sole mission is to help Soldiers and their dependents. AER can provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers (active duty and retired) and their dependents when there is a valid need. AER can assist surviving family members by arranging necessary transportation, providing low-cost loans, and offering other forms of support to Army families in need. More information is available on the [AER website](#).

The Army National Guard (ARNG) Casualty Notification/Casualty Assistance assists the Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operation Center and Casualty Assistance Centers with the mission of assigning Casualty Notification and Casualty Assistance Officers to help families during their time of need. More information is available on the [ARNG Casualty Notification/Casualty Assistance website](#).

Marine Corps

Marine Corps Casualty Assistance provides information and assistance to surviving family members to include death notification, coordination of funeral arrangements, and application for benefits and entitlements. More information is available on the [Marine Corps Casualty Assistance website](#).

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) is a private, nonprofit organization providing financial, educational, and other assistance to Sailors, Marines, eligible family members, and survivors when in need. Services provided include emergency financial assistance, budget counseling, visiting nurses, and emergency financial assistance to qualifying Marines in the form of a low interest loan. NMCRS can assist surviving family members of fallen Marines and Sailors by arranging transportation, providing low-cost loans, and offering other forms of support to families in need. More information is available on the [NMCRS website](#).

Navy

The Navy Casualty Assistance Division provides family members of fallen Sailors with information and assistance during their time of need. The website lists several links to relevant forms and publications, including a link to the downloadable Department of Defense Survivor's Guide to Benefits. More information is available on the [Navy Casualty Assistance Division website](#).

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) is a private, nonprofit organization providing financial, educational, and other assistance to Sailors, Marines, eligible family members, and survivors when in need. Services provided include emergency financial assistance, budget counseling, visiting nurses, and emergency financial assistance to qualifying Marines in the form of a low interest loan. NMCRS can assist surviving family members of fallen Marines and Sailors by arranging transportation, providing low-cost loans, and offering other forms of support to families in need. More information is available on the [NMCRS website](#).

Air Force

The Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) Casualty Services website provides links and documents for service members and their families including contact information, forms, and death benefit information. Rather than being subject-oriented, the site uses a Question and Answer format to address a wide range of topics. More information is available on the [AFPC Casualty Services website](#).

The Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center (AFMAOC) assists family members by coordinating all available resources to support family needs following an unexpected loss of life. More information is available on the [AFMAOC website](#).

The Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) is a private, nonprofit organization providing emergency financial assistance to Air Force members and their families, including interest-free loans, grants, or a combination of both. AFAS maintains an open door policy, encouraging individuals to apply for assistance when they feel an emergency situation exists. AFAS provides emergency assistance for surviving spouses and dependent minor orphans following the death of an Air Force member. More information is available on the [AFAS website](#).

Coast Guard

The Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) is a private, nonprofit organization providing financial assistance to members of the Coast Guard community during times of need. CGMA provides unremarried widowed spouses and the dependent children of deceased members of the Coast Guard with financial assistance to cover costs while waiting for Death Gratuity or other insurance payments. CGMA can also provide long-term financial assistance. More information is available on the [CGMA website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is the nation's premier emergency response organization. In addition to domestic disaster relief, the American Red Cross offers compassionate services in five other areas: community services that help the needy; support and comfort for military members and their families; the collection, processing, and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products; educational programs that promote health and safety; and international relief and development programs. The Casualty Travel Assistance Program (CTAP) provides travel assistance for two immediate family members to attend a memorial or funeral service for a service member killed on active duty in a combat zone, and to travel to the bedside of a service member wounded in a combat zone. Assistance includes funding for roundtrip airfare, lodging costs, and food and incidentals. The American Red Cross also provides assistance and information in preparing, developing, and obtaining sufficient evidence to support applicants' claims for veterans' benefits. More information can be found on the [American Red Cross website](#).

Armed Forces Foundation Bereavement Program

Armed Forces Foundation provides emergency financial assistance, vehicle modifications, laptops, housing assistance, tickets to recreation events, phone cards, and transportation assistance. The Armed Forces Foundation's Bereavement Program offers family retreats, provides for professional grief counseling in an attempt to help families cope with their loss, and helps to offset funeral costs and travel arrangements for military families in times of mourning. More information can be found on the [Armed Forces Foundation's Bereavement Program website](#).

Children's Grief Education Association (CGEA) Military Families

The CGEA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the needs of grieving children and families and to providing education and support to those who serve them. Included on the CGEA website are specific coping mechanisms targeted to children of military families. More information can be found on the [CGEA website](#).

Comfort Zone Camp

Comfort Zone Camp is a bereavement camp for children started by West Point alumni. The camp's program is designed to mirror the way a child grieves. Developed by grief therapists, it combines activities such as arts, crafts, and games with quieter periods of reflection, allowing children to heal through play, smiles, tears, and memories. Each child is matched with a "Big Buddy," a trained adult volunteer who spends the entire weekend with that child to provide support and encouragement. Additionally, the children participate in Healing Circles led by experienced grief professionals. More information about [Comfort Zone Camp](#), a camp calendar, and application forms is available by calling (866) 488-5679 (toll free) or (804) 377-3430.

Families United for Our Troops and Their Mission

Families United for Troops and Their Mission is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. They are a grassroots coalition of Gold Star and Blue Star families that provides a means for Gold Star Families, who have lost loved ones in the defense of the United States, to find solace in each other's company. More information can be found on the [Families United for Our Troops and Their Mission website](#).

Gold Star Wives (GSW) of America

GSW of America is an organization of widows and widowers whose spouses died while on active duty in the military or as the result of a military service-connected cause. The primary mission of GSW of America is to provide service, support, and friendship to others who have suffered a similar loss. More information can be found on the [GSW of America website](#).

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Inc. (TAPS)

TAPS is a national, nonprofit organization made up of, and providing services to, all those who have lost a service member. TAPS provides surviving family members with assistance through peer support, crisis intervention, case work, grief and trauma resources, and the TAPS support network. More information can be found on the [TAPS website](#).

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Army

Army Children, Youth and School Services (CYS) provides service members and their families with a wide range of information and services. CYS can provide information regarding child care centers, Family Child Care homes, referral services, School-Age Services, middle school and teen programs, and sports and fitness programs for children and youth. More information is available on the [Army CYS website](#).

The MyArmyBenefits website provides summaries of federal and state benefits for over 150 programs to include detailed information on the benefits available to active duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, Army National Guard Soldiers on federal and state active duty, Army National Guard Soldiers in drilling status, activated Army Reserve Soldiers, and drilling Army Reserve Soldiers. Included on the site are separate sections for [Child Development Centers](#), [Children and Youth Services \(CYS\)](#), [Family Child Care](#), and [School-Age Services](#).

The Army Reserve Child and Youth Program provides classes, camps, and other activities for children of Reserve Soldiers. More information is available on the [Army Reserve Child & Youth Services website](#).

The National Guard Child and Youth Program establishes and facilitates ongoing communication, involvement, support, and recognition between National Guard families and the National Guard in a partnership that promotes the best in both. More information is available on the [National Guard Child and Youth Program website](#).

Marine Corps

The Marine Corps Children, Youth, and Teen Programs provide child care services for children ages six months to eighteen years through Child Development Centers, Family Child Care homes, School-Age Care, Resource and Referral, Youth Activities, Teen Activities, and Youth Sports, Fitness, and Recreation Programs. More information is available on the [Marine Corps Children, Youth, and Teen Programs website](#).

Navy

The Navy Child and Youth Programs offer child care services through Child Development Centers, Child Development Homes (called Family Child Care Homes in other branches of Service), Youth and School-Age Care, and Teen Programs. More information is available on the [Navy Child and Youth Programs website](#).

The United States Navy Reserve (USNR) Ombudsman Online provides information for activated and mobilized Reserve Sailors to include topics pertaining to child care for deployed Sailors. The Navy Ombudsman program can help Navy Reservists find information related to child care

and child care resources in their local communities. More information is available on the [USNR Ombudsman website](#).

Air Force

The Air Force Family Member Programs provide Child Development Centers, Family Child Care Programs, and School-Age Care Programs. More information is available on the [Air Force Family Member Programs website](#).

The National Guard Child and Youth Program establishes and facilitates ongoing communication, involvement, support, and recognition between National Guard families and the National Guard in a partnership that promotes the best in both. More information is available on the [National Guard Child and Youth Program website](#).

Family Readiness Offices can help Air Force Reservists with a number of deployment-related issues. Support provided includes resources and referral services to appropriate programs in the local civilian community. More information is available on the [United States Air Force Reserve \(USAFR\) Family Readiness website](#).

Coast Guard

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) offers the Child Care Program and support through installation Child Development Centers and Family Child Care providers in Coast Guard-controlled housing. The program also provides families with referrals and contact information for child care agencies in the local community. Reservists recalled to active duty can access the same services as active duty members of the Coast Guard. More information is available on the [USCG Child Care Program website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association (ASYMCA)

The ASYMCA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) national member association of the YMCA that works with the Department of Defense. Included in the many programs offered through the ASYMCA are parenting workshops, "Daddy & Me Playmornings," "Mommy & Me Playmornings," and the "Mom and Tots Time" program. More information is available on the [ASYMCA website](#).

National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA)

NACCRRA works with more than 700 state and local Child Care Resource and Referral agencies nationwide to help ensure that families in the United States have access to high-quality, affordable child care. Through several civilian/military efforts between the Services, NACCRRA and Child Care Resource and Referral agencies work to build the quality and capacity of child care throughout the country for service members and their families. Joint efforts between NACRRRA and the branches of Service include:

- **Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood** – The Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood pilot sites for Army families helps families find high-quality child care programs at a cost comparable to those on the installation through fee assistance. Pilot sites include Fort Carson, Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, Fort Riley, Fort Campbell, Fort Bragg, Fort Drum, Fort Bliss, Fort Sam Houston, Fort Lewis, and SOUTHCOM. More information is available on the [Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood website](#).
- **Army School-Age Program in Your Neighborhood (ASPYN)** – ASPYN helps Army families to find ASPYN-approved providers in their community and fee assistance to help cover the cost of care. More information is available on the [ASPYN website](#).
- **Child Care Assistance for Severely Injured Military Members** – NACCRRRA and the Services have partnered to provide families of severely injured military members with assistance to find and pay for safe, licensed child care services for a period of six months during the period of recuperation. Extensions beyond the six month period will be considered based upon physician reassessment. The program is available nationwide wherever the injured member is receiving either in-patient or out-patient medical care. More information is available on the [Child Care Assistance for Severely Injured Military Members website](#).
- **Enhanced Child Care Referral Service** – The Enhanced Child Care Referral Service helps military families when the service member is deployed, the active duty service member lives away from a military installation, or the active duty service member lives near a military installation where on installation care is unavailable. It helps families find child care options that meet their needs by providing them with a higher level of service and linking them to their local participating Child Care Resource and Referral (available to Army, Navy, and Marine Corps families). More information is available on the [Enhanced Child Care Referral Service website](#).
- **Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood** – Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood is a Department of Defense program operated in partnership with NACCRRRA. The program is designed to help service members stationed in communities without military installations (such as Recruiters, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) instructors, Military Entrance Processing (MEP) personnel, and service members on Independent Duty) find affordable, high-quality child care in communities by providing reduced fees for the care of their children. More information is available on the [Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood website](#).
- **Operation Child Care** – Operation Child Care is a voluntary program designed to support the short-term child care needs of National Guard and Reserve members who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. Dedicated child care providers from across the country pledged their support to service members returning home for rest and recuperation leave by donating a minimum of four hours of child care services. Their volunteer time allows service members to take care of family business, take a spouse out to dinner, and reconnect with family members. More information is available on the [Operation Child Care website](#).

- **Operation Military Child Care (OMCC)** – Operated through NACCRRA, OMCC provides child care fee assistance for National Guard and Reserve service members who are activated or deployed and whose children are enrolled in non-Department of Defense (DoD) licensed child care programs. OMCC also provides child care fee assistance for deployed active duty members (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force) whose children are enrolled in non-DoD licensed child care programs. More information is available on the [OMCC website](#).

COUNSELING

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Department of Defense

Military OneSource consultants are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week by phone, online, or via email offering personalized support to any service or family member. Military OneSource can connect individuals with a trained, state-licensed mental health professional in the community, telephonically, or online for free confidential/private counseling. The counseling is not designed to address long-term counseling needs, such as child and spouse abuse, suicidal ideation, and mental illness. People in need of long-term treatment are referred to a military medical treatment facility and/or TRICARE for services. Military OneSource offers twelve free counseling sessions per person, per issue that are short-term, problem focused, and address a variety of topics such as improving relationships at home and at work, marital issues, grief and loss issues (normal reactions that would benefit from short-term support), adjusting to a change in situation (such as a return from deployment or permanent change of duty station), and other issues that are non-medical in nature. Military OneSource counselors are licensed, credentialed, and experienced. They also understand the military culture and its unique challenges. More information is available on the [Military OneSource website](#).

Military and Family Life Consultants (MFLCs) are Masters or PhD-level, licensed, and credentialed clinical providers that offer intervention and support to military members and their families. Similar to Military OneSource, MFLCs provide up to twelve free sessions of non-medical, short-term counseling per person, per issue for every day issues such as anger management, stress, parenting, communication, family relationships, deployment, and other military-related topics. The goal of the program is to support operational readiness and family readiness. Situations requiring mental health treatment are referred to behavioral health agencies that treat these conditions. MFLCs can be accessed through installation locations such as the Army Community Services (ACS), Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS), Navy Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC), and the Airman and Family Readiness Centers (A&FRC). MFLCs will also provide support at National Guard and Reserve Component drill weekends, mobilizations, and family events.

Through the Mental Health Self-Assessment (MHSA) Program, a service member or family member can perform a mental health self-assessment anonymously either by phone or online. Self-assessments are provided for depression, bipolar disorder, alcohol use, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and generalized anxiety disorder. The program provides immediate results, referrals, and relevant resources at the end of each assessment. More information is available on the [MHSA Program website](#).

Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) are available throughout the military and offer counseling services on site by military mental health professionals and doctors. Service members exhibiting high levels of distress, emotional or behavioral symptoms interfering with everyday functioning, or threatening harm to themselves or others should be immediately referred to the MTF for a psychological evaluation. The nearest MTF can be found through the [TRICARE MTF locator](#).

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

The VA Vet Center program is designed to provide readjustment counseling to veterans exposed to the uniquely stressful conditions of military service in a combat theatre of operations. Vet Centers provide services in a non-clinical environment that does not carry the stigma sometimes associated with some other mental health or readjustment care. The Vet Center program promotes early intervention and makes every effort to remove the stigma of seeking assistance. Most Vet Center counseling staff are veterans themselves. Many veterans prefer to speak with a fellow veteran, in a confidential setting, regarding readjustment from military to civilian life following service in a combat zone. Having a large cadre of veterans on staff enables the Vet Centers to maintain a veteran-focused treatment environment that communicates a welcome home attitude and respect for veterans' military service. More information is available on the [Vet Center website](#).

Army

Army OneSource is the website of Army Community Service (ACS), the organization providing family programs and services to members of the Army. The Army Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is dedicated to spousal and child abuse prevention, education, prompt reporting, investigation, intervention, and treatment through a variety of services to Soldiers and families to enhance their relationship skills and improve their quality of life. More information is available on the [Army FAP website](#).

Army Chaplains provide several programs to Soldiers and their families to include the Strong Bonds program, a unit-based, chaplain-led program that helps Soldiers and their families build strong relationships. More information is available on the [Army Chaplains Corps website](#).

The MyArmyBenefits website provides summaries of federal and state benefits for over 150 programs to include detailed information on the benefits available to active duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, Army National Guard Soldiers on federal and state active duty, Army National Guard Soldiers in drilling status, activated Army Reserve Soldiers, and drilling Army Reserve Soldiers. Included on the site is a separate section for [Army FAP](#).

The Army Reserve Warrior and Family Assistance Center WFAC provides assistance to Reserve Soldiers, veterans who served in the Army Reserve, retirees from the Army Reserve, and families of all Army Reserve Soldiers through medical care, military and Department of Veterans Affairs benefits, personnel actions, financial difficulties, and individual and family counseling. More information is available on the [Army Reserve WFAC website](#).

Marine Corps

Marine Corps FAP is a command program designed to assist families experiencing the trauma of abuse. Counselors are trained in the dynamics of abuse in order to assist in protecting victims and support families in need of assistance. Services include information on spouse/intimate partner and child abuse, victim advocacy, counseling for individuals, couples and children, as

well as support groups for men and women. More information is available on the [Marine Corps FAP website](#).

Navy Chaplains provide spiritual support for members of the Navy and Marine Corps and their families. The Navy Chaplains Corps Distance Support website provides the opportunity to ask a Chaplain a question, request information from a Chaplain, and talk to a Chaplain. More information is available on the [Navy Chaplain Corps website](#).

Navy

Navy clinical counseling is defined as short-term, solution-focused guidance toward resolving personal conflicts, emotional struggles, and interpersonal problems. Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) clinical counseling components may include professional assessment and intervention with individuals, couples, groups, and families. At FFSC, clinical counselors hold a Masters or PhD in counseling, social work, marriage and family therapy, or psychology. Professionals are fully qualified to assist those in need. More information is available on the [Navy Clinical Counseling website](#).

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Air Force

The Air Force FAP website is the central online resource for Air Force FAP and is regularly updated with new information. It includes links to a video center with visual training materials and other materials describing domestic abuse support programs. Please note: At this time, this information requires a Common Access Card (CAC) PKI certification for access. More information is available on the [Air Force FAP website](#).

Air Force Chaplains conduct religious observances, advise leadership, and provide pastoral care through pastoral counseling and religious programs that serve the diverse educational, humanitarian, and personal needs of the Air Force community. More information is available on the [Air Force Chaplain Corps website](#).

Coast Guard

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) FAP is a congressionally-mandated program intended to prevent and reduce the incidence of family violence and create an environment of intolerance for such behavior. Education and proper intervention and rehabilitation services result in prevention of the escalation of violence, serious injury, and homicide. Services are provided to retain productive members in their Coast Guard careers and support the accomplishment of the Coast Guard mission. More information is available on the [USCG FAP website](#).

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American Red Cross Information and Referral Services

The American Red Cross is the nation's premier emergency response organization. In addition to domestic disaster relief, the American Red Cross offers compassionate services in five other areas: community services that help the needy; support and comfort for military members and their families; the collection, processing, and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products; educational programs that promote health and safety; and international relief and development programs. The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all military personnel (active duty, National Guard and Reserves) and their families. Counseling, guidance, information, referrals, and other social services are available through its worldwide network of chapters and offices on military installations. More information is available on the [American Red Cross Information and Referral Services website](#).

Veterans Assistance Foundation (VAF)

The VAF is a nonprofit organization that provides military veterans with referrals for psychological counseling, transitional assistance for the homeless, housing assistance, and employment assistance. More information is available on the [VAF website](#).

DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Department of Defense

Developed by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, After Deployment (AD) is a behavioral health web portal focused on post-deployment health problems. AD's intended outreach includes active duty service members, veterans, and their families. It also presents particular advantages for National Guard and Reserve units not located near a Military Treatment Facility or otherwise located in areas lacking providers who are knowledgeable about military-related adjustment concerns. AD's twelve programs focus on: Adjusting to War Memories; Dealing with Depression; Handling Stress; Improving Relationships; Succeeding at Work; Overcoming Anger; Sleeping Better; Controlling Alcohol and Drugs; Helping Kids Deal with Deployment; Seeking Spiritual Fitness; Living with Physical Injuries; and Balancing Your Life. More information is available on the [AD website](#).

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is a Department of Defense organization operated through a network of over 2,500 volunteers in 55 local ESGR committees in each state, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. ESGR works to educate civilian employers and communities about the National Guard and Reserve through a comprehensive outreach program known as the Civilian Employment Information (CEI) initiative. ESGR works with employers and communities to promote the development of personnel policies designed to accommodate members of the uniformed Services and assists military units in promoting and maintaining positive relationships between employers and Guard and Reserve employees. ESGR educates service members regarding their obligations to their employers and their rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). ESGR also assists them in preventing, resolving, or reducing employer/employee problems and misunderstandings related to USERRA through mediation and ombudsman services. More information is available on the [ESGR website](#).

MilitaryHOMEFRONT Deployment Connections is an online handbook for coping with deployment. It is intended to make it easier to find deployment-related information and support services for active and reserve military members and their families during all phases of deployment and mobilization. More information is available on the [Deployment Connections website](#).

Yellow Ribbon America unites Americans, motivating and assisting America's communities to give direct support to their local military members and their families. Yellow Ribbon America provides the national framework to organize America's cities and towns, delivering immediate and direct support to America's deployed and returning military personnel and their families. The Deployed Military Members & Family Support Program organizes community outreach events to help communities welcome home military members and thank their families for their sacrifices. More information is available on the [Yellow Ribbon America Deployed Military & Family Support Program website](#).

Army

Army OneSource is the website of Army Community Service (ACS), the organization providing family programs and services to members of the Army. Army Deployment Readiness provides a number of different resources and services for Soldiers and their families to help them manage a deployment. More information is available on the Army [Deployment Readiness website](#).

The Army Family Readiness Groups (FRGs) create a direct connection to a Soldier's unit command information for family members. It also provides links to units' Virtual FRG sites, allowing families to access all of the pertinent information and resources they need to stay informed. More information is available on the [Army FRG website](#).

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The Army National Guard Virtual Armory Mobilization/Deployment website provides information to National Guard members to help prepare them for mobilization, a pre-mobilization checklist, and information on the post-deployment health reassessment. More information is available on the [Army National Guard Virtual Armory Mobilization/Deployment website](#).

The National Guard's Family Readiness Program provides National Guard service members and their families with information and assistance to help ensure they are prepared for whatever may be ahead of them. To aid families in navigating through military life, the National Guard has developed Six Steps to Family Readiness, addressing challenges, victories, and support networks available to National Guard service members and their families. More information is available on the [National Guard Family Readiness website](#).

Army Reserve Family Readiness Group (FRG) membership includes Soldiers' families, both immediate and extended, Soldiers, and other interested parties such as fiancés, friends, retirees, employers, and community members. The goal of the FRG is to establish a network that enables family members to effectively gather information, resolve problems, and maintain mutual support, thereby reducing stress associated with military life. More information is available on the [Army Reserve FRG website](#).

Marine Corps

The Marine Corps provides support to Marines and their families throughout the entire deployment cycle with programs and activities designed to address specific pre, during, and post-deployment issues and challenges. More information is available on the [Marine Corps Deployment Support website](#).

Navy

The Navy Deployment Readiness Program offers a variety of services to Navy family members before, during, and after deployments to help Sailors and their families cope with extended deployments. More information is available on the [Navy Deployment Readiness Program website](#).

Navy Ombudsmen are volunteers, appointed by the commanding officer, that serve as an information link between command leadership and Navy families. Ombudsmen are trained to disseminate information both up and down the chain of command, including official Department of the Navy and command information, command climate issues, and local quality of life improvement opportunities. More information is available on the [Navy Ombudsman Program website](#).

The Navy is moving towards incorporating Individual Augmentee (IA) deployments into regular sea/shore duty assignment rotations. This is being phased in over the next year. This means Sailors may detach from their current command and be assigned to the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center or they may remain a part of their current command and return to it when they complete their IA tour. This website provides detailed information about IA deployments including Sailor and family member handbooks and links to other related websites. More information is available on the [Navy IA Program website](#).

Navy Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center (ECRC) directly assists IA and GSA IA Sailors by ensuring they are properly uniformed and equipped while coordinating with the Army to ensure they get the proper stateside training. Training includes instruction in individual combat skills and specialized mission areas to help IAs succeed in their mission and keep them as safe as possible while deployed. The website provides information about the IA deployment cycle and about family support services for IA families. More information is available on the [Navy ECRC website](#).

Navy Reserve Family Readiness provides information for families of deployed or deploying Sailors, including benefits and entitlements information, family readiness checklists, and Navy Reserve Family Newsletters. More information is available on the [Navy Reserve Ombudsman Program website](#).

Air Force

The Air Force Personal and Family Readiness Program assists Airmen and their families in coping with deployments during the pre-deployment stage, during deployment, and when preparing for homecoming. More information is available on the [Air Force Personal and Family Readiness website](#).

The National Guard's Family Readiness Program provides National Guard service members and their families information and assistance to help ensure that families are prepared for whatever may be ahead of them. To aid families in navigating through military life, the National Guard has developed Six Steps to Family Readiness, addressing challenges, victories, and support

networks available to National Guard service members and their families. More information is available on the [National Guard Family Readiness website](#).

Coast Guard

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Ombudsmen serve as a link between a Coast Guard command and the families of the command. An Ombudsman can assist families in locating resources, communicate information from the command to the families, and take concerns of families to the command. More information is available on the [USCG Ombudsman Program website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

4-H Military Partnership

4-H Military is supported by the National 4-H Headquarters, Air Force Services Family Member Programs, Army Child and Youth Services, and Navy Child and Youth Programs. 4-H Military is dedicated to providing positive education and life skills training programs to military children. The site includes curriculum materials such as downloadable publications on starting a 4-H club, maintaining good health, and helping military children through deployments. More information is available on the [4-H Military Partnership website](#).

American Red Cross Emergency Communications

The American Red Cross is the nation's premier emergency response organization. In addition to domestic disaster relief, the American Red Cross offers compassionate services in five other areas: community services that help the needy; support and comfort for military members and their families; the collection, processing, and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products; educational programs that promote health and safety; and international relief and development programs. The Red Cross relays urgent messages 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, containing accurate, factual, complete and verified descriptions of the emergency to service members stationed anywhere in the world, including on ships at sea and at embassies and remote locations. Red Cross emergency communications services keep military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of an immediate family member, the birth of a service member's child or grandchild, or when a family faces other emergencies. More information is available on the [American Red Cross Emergency Communications website](#).

Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association (ASYMCA) Operation Hero

Operation Hero aids children aged six to twelve years of age who are experiencing temporary difficulties in school, both socially and academically. Often, these difficulties are caused by frequent moves and family disruption due to deployments. The semester-long program provides after school tutoring and mentoring assistance in a small group with certified teachers. More information is available on the [Operation Hero website](#).

Families United for Our Troops and Their Mission

Families United for Troops and Their Mission is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. It is a grassroots coalition of Gold Star and Blue Star families that provides a means for Blue Star Families to receive support, resources, and opportunities that they need to cope with the absence of a loved one. More information is available on the [Families United for Our Troops and Their Mission website](#).

Operation Love Reunited

Operation Love Reunited is an organization of professional photographers who offer free photo sessions to families of deployed service members. Each family gets two free sessions, including pre-deployment or reunion sessions, or photos of the family at home to send to the deployed service member. More information is available on the [Operation Love Reunited website](#).

Our Military Kids

Our Military Kids provides tangible support to the children of deployed and severely injured National Guard and Reserve personnel through grants for sports, fine arts, and tutoring. More information is available on the [Our Military Kids website](#).

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Department of Defense

The DoD Voluntary Education Program website provides an overview of the program and links to Service-level education programs, policy, and other military education-related services. More information is available on the [DoD Voluntary Education Programs website](#).

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) supports the off-duty voluntary education programs of the Department of Defense by helping eligible service members and their families pursue their education goals. DANTES provides programs and services in certification, counselor support, distance learning, and examinations, and manages the Tuition Assistance Reimbursement Program. More information is available on the [DANTES website](#).

The Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC) is a network of universities and colleges that provides education opportunities for service members and their families. Included in the SOC degree network system are SOCAD (Army), SOCMAR (Marine Corps) SOCNV (Navy), SOCCOAST (Coast Guard), and SOCGuard (National Guard). More information is available on the [SOC website](#).

DoD Education Activity (DoDEA) is a field activity of the Office of the Secretary of Defense. DoDEA schools include Department of Defense Schools - Europe (DoDDS-E), Department of Defense Schools - Pacific (DoDDS-P) / Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools - Guam (DDESS-G), and the Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS). More information is available on the [DoDEA website](#).

Sure Start is a DoDEA program for command-sponsored children stationed at overseas installations. Sure Start is based on the Department of Health and Human Services' Head Start model. The Sure Start program assists qualified preschool-age military children by providing education, health, and social services based on income and need guidelines. The services provided by the Sure Start program are designed to involve the children, their families, schools, and communities to ensure a comprehensive, coordinated approach to early childhood education. More information is available on the [Sure Start website](#).

The DoD is expanding the Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (MyCAA) program for military spouses of active duty and activated Guard and Reserve service members worldwide. Eligible military spouses can receive up to \$6,000 of financial assistance to help pay for expenses directly related to post secondary education and training including tuition, fees, books, equipment, and credentialing and licensing fees. More information is available on the [MyCAA website](#).

Army

The Army Continuing Education System (ACES) website provides information on education programs and services offered to Soldiers and their families. ACES is committed to excellence in service, innovation, and deployability. More information is available on the [ACES website](#).

GoArmyEd provides access to quality education for Soldiers around the globe, helping them further their professional and personal goals. GoArmyEd brings together approximately 148 programs from 28 different educational institutions offering a broad range of education opportunities. Through GoArmyEd, Soldiers can earn a certificate, Associate's, Bachelor's, or Master's degree from a home institution. Soldiers may also take classes from multiple colleges and universities through web-based courses that can be completed anytime and anywhere. More information is available on the [GoArmyEd website](#).

The MyArmyBenefits website provides summaries of federal and state benefits for over 150 programs to include detailed information on the benefits available to active duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, Army National Guard Soldiers on federal and state active duty, Army National Guard Soldiers in drilling status, activated Army Reserve Soldiers, and drilling Army Reserve Soldiers. Included on the site are separate sections for [Advanced Civil Schooling](#), [Army Continuing Education System \(ACES\)](#), [Concurrent Admissions Program \(ConAP\)](#), [Dependent Children Education Program](#), [eArmyU](#), and [Specialized Skills Training](#).

The National Guard Virtual Armory Education Center summarizes the education benefits available to mobilized National Guard service members and their families. It also provides summaries of the individual state benefits available to National Guard service members and their families. More information is available on the [Army National Guard Virtual Armory Education Center website](#).

Marine Corps

The Marine Corps Lifelong Learning Program provides personal and professional learning opportunities for Marines regardless of duty station through the Voluntary Education Program and Marine Corps Libraries. More information is available on the [Marine Corps Lifelong Learning website](#).

Navy

The Navy College Program (NCP) provides opportunities for Sailors to earn college degrees by providing academic credit for Navy training, work experience, and off-duty education. The NCP website lists links to education counselors, financial grants, and loans. It also provides information on the Servicemembers Opportunity College Navy (SOCNAV). More information is available on the [NCP website](#).

Air Force

The Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC) provides information on Airmen's education benefits and provides a one-stop-shop for all higher education needs. More information is available on the [AFVEC website](#).

Founded in 1972, the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) is the largest multi-campus community college in the world. CCAF is an accredited institution that provides transcript services to Air Force personnel as well as associate degrees in applied science. More information is available on the [CCAF website](#).

Coast Guard

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) Institute provides information on education opportunities, services, and financial aid for members of the USCG and their families. More information is available on the [USCG Institute website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

MCEC is a nonprofit organization that promotes partnerships and networking between military installations and local school districts. MCEC provides timely and accurate information designed to assist families and school districts in resolving transition issues for military students. More information is available on the [MCEC website](#).

Military Spouse Resource Center

The Military Spouse Resource Center, popularly known as MilSpouse.org, is a comprehensive web portal that connects military spouses to relevant employment, education and training, and relocation information. The education and training content provides information related to distance learning, and on loans, grants, and scholarship opportunities. More information is available on the [Military Spouse Resource Center website](#).

SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION ASSISTANCE

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

The VA provides multiple education assistance programs to service members and their families to include the Post 9/11 GI Bill, the Montgomery GI Bill for Active Duty, the Montgomery GI Bill for Selected Reserve, the Reserve Educational Assistance Program, the Spouses' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA), and the Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP). More information is available on the [VA Education Programs website](#).

Army

Army Emergency Relief (AER) is a private, nonprofit organization whose sole mission is to help Soldiers and their dependents. AER can provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers (active duty and retired) and their dependents when there is a valid need. AER can provide undergraduate-level education scholarships, based primarily on financial need, to children of Soldiers. More information is available on the [AER website](#).

The MyArmyBenefits website provides summaries of federal and state benefits for over 150 programs to include detailed information on the benefits available to active duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, Army National Guard Soldiers on federal and state active duty, Army National Guard Soldiers in drilling status, activated Army Reserve Soldiers, and drilling Army Reserve Soldiers. Included on the site are separate sections for [Army College Fund](#), [Cancellation of Federal Student Loans](#), [College Loan Repayment Program \(LRP\)](#), [Montgomery GI Bill \(MGIB\)](#), [Reserve Educational Assistance Program \(REAP\)](#), [Tuition Assistance \(TA\)](#), [Tuition Assistance Top-up \(TATU\)](#), [Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program \(SEAP-Overseas\)](#), and [Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program \(SEAP-Stateside\)](#).

Marine Corps

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) is a private, nonprofit organization providing financial, educational, and other assistance to Sailors, Marines, eligible family members, and survivors when in need. NMCRS offers financial aid for education through the Vice Admiral E. P. Travers Loan, USS TENNESSEE Scholarship, Dependents of Deceased Scholarship, and the Admiral Mike Boorda Loan. More information is available on the [NMCRS Education Programs website](#).

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Admiral Mike Boorda Loan. More information is available on the [NMCRS Education Programs website](#).

Air Force

Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) is a private, nonprofit organization providing emergency financial assistance to Air Force members and their families, including interest-free loans, grants, or a combination of both. AFAS maintains an open door policy, encouraging individuals to apply for assistance when they feel an emergency situation exists. To assist Airmen and their families in pursuing their academic goals, AFAS offers the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program and the General George S. Brown Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP). More information is available on the [AFAS website](#).

Coast Guard

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) education grants and loans foster long-term financial well-being by helping Coast Guard families pursue their academic goals through post secondary education. CGMA offers Stafford/PLUS Loan Origination Fee Refunds, Supplemental Education Grants (SEG), the Vocational and Technical (VoTech) Student Loan Program, and the Supplemental Student Loan Program. More information is available on the [CGMA website](#).

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) Scholarship Program provides information and resources on financial assistance to Coast Guard active duty, Reservists, retirees, and their families, as well as Coast Guard civil service employees and exchange system and Morale, Well-Being, and Recreation (MWR) employees. More information is available on the [USCG Scholarship Program website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

Air Force Association Spouse Scholarship

The Air Force Association Spouse Scholarship program is designed to encourage Air Force spouses to pursue associate, bachelor, or graduate/postgraduate degrees. The number of scholarships awarded and the amount varies depending on available funding and on the number of qualified applicants. More information is available on the [Air Force Association Spouse Scholarship website](#).

Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) Scholarships

The AFSA and the Airmen Memorial Foundation have a scholarship program to financially assist the undergraduate studies of eligible, dependent children of Air Force active duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve Command enlisted members in active duty, retired, or veteran status. More information is available on the [AFSA Scholarships website](#).

American Sentinel University Severely Injured Scholarship Program

American Sentinel University offers a scholarship program for severely injured service members (and their spouses) covering half the cost of tuition, books, and materials. More information is available on the [American Sentinel University Severely Injured Scholarship Program website](#).

American Veterans (AMVETS)

AMVETS provides general assistance and advocacy, scholarships, career assistance, and phone cards through the National Program Department. AMVETS provides scholarships for veterans, Reservists, and National Guard service members. More information is available on the [AMVETS website](#).

Armed Forces Communications and Electronic Association (AFCEA) Education Foundation

The AFCEA Educational Foundation scholarships require students to have some connection to the armed forces, either as an active duty member, veteran, spouse, or dependent. Located around the world, many of AFCEA's 145 chapters also provide scholarships, grants, and tuition assistance for aspiring engineers, technicians, programmers, military personnel, and government officials. Financial assistance is made available for students living or attending school within each chapter's local community. More information is available on the [AFCEA Education Foundation website](#).

Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association (ASYMCA) Tuition Assistance

The ASYMCA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3), national member association organization that works with the Department of Defense (DoD). Included in the many programs offered through the ASYMCA is tuition assistance. More information is available on the [ASYMCA website](#).

Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Operation Life Transformed Scholarships

AUSA Family Programs provides two scholarships annually, worth \$2000 each, to assist the spouses and caregivers of wounded troops with career training. The scholarships are administered by Operation Life Transformed, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that funds and develops career training programs for military family members who are managing the long-term care of injured service members. More information is available on the [AUSA Operation Life Transformed Scholarships website](#).

Boston University Metropolitan College Bryan D. Willard Scholarships

Boston University Metropolitan College offers two \$5,000 scholarships annually to service members who have been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat or to spouses and children of service members killed in the line of duty. More information is available on the [Boston University Metropolitan College Bryan D. Willard Scholarships website](#).

Central Michigan University U.S. Armed Forces Award

Central Michigan University offers scholarships to severely injured service members who were injured while serving in combat, spouses of such service members, and any veteran of the military who has been honorably discharged within the last four years. More information is available on the [Central Michigan University U.S. Armed Forces Award website](#).

Coastline Community College for Injured/Disabled Service Members and their Spouses

Coastline Community College offers five \$1,000 scholarships for severely injured service members or their spouses. More information is available on the [Coastline Community College for Injured/Disabled Service Members and their Spouses website](#).

Council of College and Military Educators (CCME)

CCME offers scholarships each year to service members or their spouses who are working towards the completion of higher education degrees. Each award is in the amount of \$500 and may be used for tuition, fees, books, and other expenses incurred while pursuing educational goals. More information is available on the [CCME website](#).

ECPI College of Technology Department of Defense Support Scholarship Program

ECPI College of Technology offers annual scholarships of up to \$6,000 for severely injured service members, up to \$8,000 for spouses of severely injured or killed in action service members, and up to \$6,000 for dependent children of deceased service members. More information is available on the [ECPI College of Technology Department of Defense Support Scholarship Program website](#).

Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Scholarship Program

FRA is a Congressionally chartered, nonprofit organization that represents the interests of the Sea Service community before Congress. The Association's membership is comprised of current and former enlisted members of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. The FRA Scholarship Program awards more than \$100,000 annually in scholarships to deserving students who are FRA members, their spouses, children, and grandchildren. More information is available on the [FRA Scholarship Program website](#).

Folds of Honor Foundation

The Folds of Honor Foundation provides scholarships to military spouses and children of any age. Scholarships may be applied to schooling now or held by Folds of Honor on behalf of children until needed at the time of enrollment in an institute of higher education. More information is available on the [Folds of Honor Foundation website](#).

Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund

Freedom Alliance, a 501(c)(3) educational and charitable foundation, honors the bravery and dedication exhibited by Americans who have sacrificed life or limb defending the United States by providing educational scholarships to their children. More information is available on the [Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund website](#).

Grantham University Military Severely Injured Scholarship Program

Grantham University offers four-year scholarships to service members with a "Rating Decision" memo of twenty percent disability or higher from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as a result of wounds received in Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) or Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Grantham University also offers scholarships to spouses and adult children of severely injured service members. More information is available on the [Grantham University Military Severely Injured Scholarship Program website](#).

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation (MCSF)

The MCSF is a public nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation operated by volunteers and professional staff. The MCSF provides financial assistance in the form of scholarships for higher education to deserving sons and daughters of Marines and children of former Marines, with particular attention being given to children of those killed or wounded in action. More information is available on the [MCSF website](#).

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Scholarship Fund

The MOAA Scholarship Fund was established in 1948 to provide educational assistance for children of military families. It is based on one of the Association's founding principals that "education is the cornerstone of a strong Democracy" and is supported by donations and bequests from MOAA chapters, members, corporations, and others. More information is available on the [MOAA Scholarship Fund website](#).

Military Spouse Career Center

The Military Spouse Career Center provides information on spouse-friendly employers, education and scholarships, licensing and certification, and job search skills. The Center enables employers to post jobs for military spouses at no cost and allows spouses to create resumes, post resumes, and explore thousands of job openings around the world. More information is available on the [Military Spouse Career Center website](#).

National Association of Institutions for Military Education Services (NAIMES) Student Spotlight Award

The NAIMES Student Spotlight Award program offers active duty military students an opportunity to showcase competency and skills learned while participating in a voluntary education program. The purpose of the Student Spotlight Award is to recognize undergraduate

or graduate students who demonstrate academic achievement in the pursuit of higher education. More information is available on the [NAIMES Student Spotlight Award website](#).

National Military Family Association (NMFA) Military Spouse Scholarship Program

The NMFA's Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships are awarded to spouses of services members (active duty, National Guard and Reserve, retirees, and survivors) to obtain professional certification or to attend post secondary or graduate school. Scholarships range in amount and the number awarded each year varies depending on funding. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, and school room and board. More information is available on the [NMFA Military Spouse Scholarship Program website](#).

Navy League of the United States Scholarship Program

The Scholarship Program of the Navy League of the United States provides financial assistance to the dependents and direct descendants of Sea Service personnel for college and university expenses. More information is available on the [Navy League of the United States Scholarship Program website](#).

Navy Wives Clubs of America, Inc (NWCA)

NWCA is comprised of thirteen Navy-oriented volunteer organizations and is dedicated to improving life in the Naval Service. NWCA offers multiple scholarships for members of the NWCA and children of Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard service members. More information is available on the [NWCA website](#).

Old Dominion University Scholarship Opportunity for Severely Injured or Disabled Service Members

Old Dominion University offers scholarships for service members who have been severely injured or disabled in the line of duty, or for their spouse or dependent children. More information is available on the [Old Dominion University Scholarship Opportunity for Severely Injured or Disabled Service Members website](#).

Scholarships for Military Children

Commissaries are an integral part of the quality of life offered to service members and their families. The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created in recognition of the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community. It is the intent of the program that a scholarship funded through contributions be awarded annually for each commissary operated by the Defense Commissary Agency worldwide. More than one scholarship per commissary may be available based on response and funding. The scholarship provides for payment of tuition, books, lab fees, and other related expenses. More information is available on the [Scholarships for Military Children website](#).

Special Operations Warrior Foundation

The Special Operations Warrior Foundation provides full scholarship grants and educational and family counseling to the surviving children of special operations personnel who die in operational or training missions, and immediate financial assistance to severely wounded special operations personnel and their families. More information is available on the [Special Operations Warrior Foundation website](#).

ThanksUSA Scholarships

ThanksUSA is a non-partisan, charitable effort to mobilize Americans of all ages to "thank" the men and women of the United States armed forces by providing college, technical, and vocational school scholarships for their children and spouses. More information is available on the [ThanksUSA Scholarships website](#).

University of Idaho Operation Education

University of Idaho provides financial assistance to returning wounded veterans and/or their spouses. More information is available on the [University of Idaho Operation Education website](#).

University of Maryland Scholarships Opportunities for Military Students

The University of Maryland University College provides five annual scholarships to service members who have been severely injured in the line of duty, or spouses or dependents of severely injured service members. More information is available on the [University of Maryland Scholarships Opportunities for Military Students website](#).

University of Nebraska at Omaha Wounded Veterans Scholarship Fund

The University of Nebraska at Omaha offers the Wounded Veterans Fund to severely wounded service members or their spouses to assist in covering the cost of a post secondary education. More information is available on the [University of Nebraska at Omaha: Wounded Veterans Scholarship Fund website](#).

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Army

Army Emergency Relief (AER) is a private, nonprofit organization whose sole mission is to help Soldiers and their dependents. AER can provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers (active duty and retired) and their dependents when there is a valid need. AER can assist surviving family members by arranging necessary transportation, providing low-cost loans, and offering other forms of support to Army families in need. More information is available on the [AER website](#).

Marine Corps

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) is a private, nonprofit organization providing financial, educational, and other assistance to Sailors, Marines, eligible family members, and survivors when in need. Services provided include emergency financial assistance, budget counseling, visiting nurses, and emergency financial assistance to qualifying Marines in the form of a low interest loan. More information is available on the [NMCRS website](#).

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Air Force

The Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) is a private, nonprofit organization providing emergency financial assistance to Air Force members and their families, including interest-free loans, grants, or a combination of both. AFAS maintains an open door policy, encouraging individuals to apply for assistance when they feel an emergency situation exists. More information is available on the [AFAS website](#).

Coast Guard

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) is a private, nonprofit organization providing financial assistance to members of the Coast Guard community during times of need. CGMA provides assistance to individuals for situations requiring immediate attention, for essentials, and to solve temporary problems, considering each case on its own merits, on a personalized and timely basis, and with confidentiality. More information is available on the [CGMA website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

American Red Cross Financial Assistance

The American Red Cross is the nation's premier emergency response organization. In addition to domestic disaster relief, the American Red Cross offers compassionate services in five other areas: community services that help the needy; support and comfort for military members and their families; the collection, processing, and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products; educational programs that promote health and safety; and international relief and development programs. The American Red Cross works under partnership agreements with the Air Force Aid Society, Army Emergency Relief, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society to provide quality, reliable financial assistance to eligible applicants for emergency travel, burial of a loved one, assistance to avoid privation, etc. More information is available on the [American Red Cross Financial Assistance website](#).

Armed Forces Foundation Family Assistance

The Armed Forces Foundation provides emergency financial assistance, vehicle modifications, laptops, housing assistance, tickets to recreation events, phone cards, and transportation assistance. For emergency financial assistance, The Armed Forces Foundation can provide financial assistance with rent/mortgage costs, utility bills, housing and/or airfare to transport a family member to assist a service member from surgery, car payments, and car insurance. More information is available on the [Armed Forces Foundation Family Assistance website](#).

Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association (ASYMCA)

The ASYMCA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) national member association of the YMCA that works with the Department of Defense. The Family Emergency Supplies Program provides assistance for families experiencing financial distress, as does the Food for Families Program. More information is available on the [ASYMCA website](#).

Coalition to Salute America's Heroes Emergency Financial Aid

In partnership with nonprofit Veteran Service Organizations and governmental agencies, the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes has an ongoing commitment to provide emergency financial support to wounded veterans and their families during transition. More information is available on the [Coalition to Salute America's Heroes Emergency Financial Aid website](#).

Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund

The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund provides financial assistance and quality of life solutions to Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)/Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) Marines and Sailors injured in combat, training, or with life threatening illnesses, and their families. The Fund also provides financial assistance and quality of life solutions to OEF/OIF service members injured while in direct support of Marine units and their families. Support is provided to address immediate financial needs during hospitalization and recovery, and perpetuating needs, such as modified

transportation, home modifications, and specialized equipment. More information is available on the [Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund website](#).

Operation Homefront

Operation Homefront is a charity operating under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Defense providing emergency assistance and morale to service members, the families they leave behind, and to wounded warriors when they return from deployment. The Financial Assistance Program provides monetary assistance for rent, utility bills, airfare to transport a family member to assist a military wife during illness or after childbirth, child care during illness or surgery, etc. More information is available on the [Operation Homefront Financial Assistance Program website](#).

United Services Organization (USO)

The USO is a private, nonprofit organization supporting service members and their families by providing morale, welfare, and recreation-type services. USO centers offer housing and financial information and support to military families during emergencies. More information is available on the [USO website](#).

USA Cares Basic Needs Program

USA Cares provides financial and advocacy assistance to post 9/11 active duty military service personnel, veterans, and their families. USA Cares assists all branches of Service, all ranks, and components free of charge. More information is available on the [USA Cares Basic Needs Program website](#).

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Foundation Unmet Needs Program

Through the Unmet Needs Program, eligible service members can apply for financial assistance for household expenses, vehicle expenses, utilities, food and clothing, and medical bills. More information is available on the [VFW Unmet Needs Program website](#).

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER SUPPORT

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Department of Defense

HOMEFRONTConnections is a Department of Defense site established to provide a social networking environment for those who are in the military, in a military family, or who support the military and their families. The site provides a password-protected way to meet and share information online. Within the site, groups can share best practices, post pictures and videos, or just talk about the work they are doing with others who are also supporting our service members and their families. Family members can also use the site to meet each other and share experiences, or establish online family readiness groups. Registration is required. More information is available on the [HOMEFRONTConnections website](#).

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Special Education website provides service members and their families with a list of things to remember when relocating to an overseas location with a need for special education services. The site provides information on parent rights and responsibilities, the overseas special education directory, and points of contact for each district. More information is available on the [DoDEA Special Education website](#).

The TRICARE Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) program provides eligible active duty family members with an additional financial resource for an integrated set of services, equipment, and supplies designed to assist in the reduction of the disabling effects of the beneficiary's qualifying condition. To be eligible for the ECHO program, family members must have an ECHO-qualifying condition, enroll in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) as provided by the sponsor's branch of Service, and register in ECHO through ECHO case managers in each TRICARE region. More information is available on the [TRICARE ECHO website](#).

Army

The Army Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support, housing, educational, medical, and personnel services to families with special needs. Soldiers on active duty must enroll in the program when they have a family member with a physical, emotional, developmental, or intellectual disorder requiring specialized services so their needs can be considered in the military personnel assignment process. More information is available on the [Army EFMP website](#).

The MyArmyBenefits website provides summaries of federal and state benefits for over 150 programs to include detailed information on the benefits available to active duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, Army National Guard Soldiers on federal and state active duty, Army National Guard Soldiers in drilling status, activated Army Reserve Soldiers, and drilling Army Reserve Soldiers. Included on the site is a separate section for the [EFMP](#).

The Army Reserve Warrior and Family Assistance Center (WFAC) provides assistance to Reserve Soldiers, veterans who served in the Army Reserve, retirees from the Army Reserve, and families of all Army Reserve Soldiers through medical care, military and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits, personnel actions, financial difficulties, and individual and family counseling. More information is available on the [Army Reserve WFAC website](#).

Marine Corps

The Marine Corps Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) website provides information for Marines, their family members, Commands, EFMP Coordinators, and other professionals who have an interest in becoming more knowledgeable about the Program. It also provides other resources and information that can be helpful for families with special medical or educational needs. More information is available on the [Marine Corps EFMP website](#).

Navy

The Navy Personnel Command Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) assists Sailors by addressing the special needs of their exceptional family members (EFM) during the assignment process. More information is available on the [Navy Personnel Command EFMP website](#).

Air Force

The Air Force Special Needs Program provides support and assistance to members of the Air Force and their families who have special needs children. Please note: At this time, this website requires a Common Access Card (CAC) PKI certification for access. More information is available on the [Air Force Special Needs Program website](#).

Coast Guard

The Coast Guard Special Needs Program assists Coast Guard members with appropriate referral and resources before, during, and after relocation to ensure mission readiness. The program works closely with assignment officers, prior to transfer, to ensure appropriate resources are available for family members. All active duty members who have family members with professionally diagnosed special needs are required to enroll their dependents in this program. More information is available on the [Coast Guard Special Needs Program website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA)

NACCRRA works with more than 700 state and local Child Care Resource and Referral agencies nationwide to help ensure that families in the United States have access to high-quality, affordable child care. Through several civilian/military efforts between the Services, NACCRRA and Child Care Resource and Referral agencies work to build the quality and capacity of child care throughout the country for service members and their families. Joint efforts between NACCRRA and the branches of Service for exceptional family members include:

- **NACCRRRA Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Respite Care for Marine Corps Families** – The NACCRRRA EFMP Respite Care for Marine Corps Families is a partnership between the Marine Corps and NACCRRRA and is specifically designed for Marine Corps families with exceptional family member (EFM) children. The program provides forty hours of respite care per month for families with EFM children so they can leave the house, go to an appointment, or just rest, knowing that their child is well cared for. The service is provided at no cost to eligible families. More information is available on the [NACCRRRA EFMP Respite Care for Marine Corps Families website](#).
- **NACCRRRA Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Respite Care for Navy Families** – The NACCRRRA EFMP Respite Care for Navy Families is a partnership between the Navy and NACCRRRA and is specifically designed for Navy families with exceptional family member (EFM) children, category IV or V. This includes EFMs whose medical condition requires assignment near major medical facilities in the continental United States or whose needs are complex and specialized requiring continuity of care. More information is available on the [NACCRRRA EFMP Respite Care for Navy Families website](#).

Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP)

STOMP is a federally funded Parent Training and Information Center established to assist military families who have children with special education or health needs. STOMP serves families by providing information and training about laws, regulations, and resources for military families of children with disabilities; connecting families to other families; assisting parents and professionals in developing their own community parent education/support group; and by providing a voice to raise awareness of issues faced by military families of children with disabilities. More information is available on the [STOMP website](#).

FINANCIAL READINESS

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Department of Defense

The Military Saves program, sponsored by the Department of Defense with the Consumer Federation of America, provides service members with the necessary tools to develop and maintain a savings plan. The Military Saves program is a free service designed to assist service members in reaching their financial goals, reducing and eliminating debt, and learning more about wealth-building and savings. More information is available on the [Military Saves website](#).

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Beneficiary Financial Counseling Service (BFCS) is an additional benefit offered to beneficiaries of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) policies, as well as Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection Program (TSGLI) claimants. Beneficiaries or claimants can take advantage of free professional financial advice provided by FinancialPoint®. More information is available on the [VA BFCS website](#).

Army

Army OneSource is the website of Army Community Service (ACS), the organization providing family programs and services to members of the Army. This website assists Soldiers, civilians, and their families by providing budgeting and planning calculators, links to information on retirement planning, online financial training, and a link to an Internet application which creates a graphic display of a visitor's financial profile. More information is available on the [Army OneSource Financial Readiness website](#).

The MyArmyBenefits website provides summaries of federal and state benefits for over 150 programs to include detailed information on the benefits available to active duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, Army National Guard Soldiers on federal and state active duty, Army National Guard Soldiers in drilling status, activated Army Reserve Soldiers, and drilling Army Reserve Soldiers. Included on the site are separate sections for [Financial Readiness](#) and the [Thrift Savings Plan](#).

The National Guard program provides financial education for service members, civilians, and their families through classes, training, or information. More information is available on the [National Guard Financial Support website](#).

The Army Reserve Financial Readiness Program offers services to assist Soldiers and their families with their financial affairs. It is designed to educate Soldiers and their families about their rights as consumers. Training opportunities are also available for Soldiers and families. More information is available on the [Army Reserve Financial Readiness website](#).

Marine Corps

The Marine Corps Personal Financial Management Program (PFMP) provides eligible personnel with education, training, counseling, information, and referrals for personal financial issues. More information is available on the [Marine Corps PFMP website](#).

The Marine Corps Financial Fitness Online Resource Center provides interactive financial tools and information to assist Marines and their families in controlling their finances. Topics include financial planning, savings and investing, banking, credit decisions, using credit cards wisely, applying for credit, managing debt, and a "financial fitness checkup" application. More information is available on the [Marine Corps Financial Fitness Online Resource Center website](#).

Navy

The Navy Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) Personal Financial Management (PFM) program assists members of the Navy by providing information, classes, training, and counseling to combat financial mismanagement, as well as proactive training to prepare Sailors and their families for future financial challenges. More information is available on the [Navy FFSC PFM website](#).

Air Force

The Air Force Community Personal Financial Readiness website provides information and links on a number of financial readiness topics to include credit and money management, home and car buying, personal finance and investing, tax information, and emergency financial assistance. More information is available on the [Air Force Community Personal Financial Readiness website](#).

The National Guard program provides financial education for service members, civilians, and their families through classes, training, or information. More information is available on the [National Guard Financial Support website](#).

Coast Guard

The Coast Guard Financial Management Program provides members of Team Coast Guard (active duty, Reservists, retirees, family members, civil service employees, and exchange system and MWR employees) with practical information and financial planning tools. More information is available on the [Coast Guard Financial Management website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

Council of Better Business Bureau (CBBB) Military Line

The CBBB Military Line is designed to support service members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians, and their families by providing information to protect them from unscrupulous business practices. More information is available on the [CBBB Military Line website](#).

Military Consumer Sentinel

Military Consumer Sentinel is a joint initiative of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Defense (DoD) designed to help improve consumer protection for service members, their families, and DoD civilians. The Consumer Sentinel website allows service members, DoD civilians, and their families to file consumer complaints, which are used by over 500 law enforcement organizations to target cases for prosecution and other enforcement measures. More information is available on the [Military Consumer Sentinel website](#).

HOUSING

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Department of Defense

Automated Housing Referral Network (AHRN) offers service members and Department of Defense civilians the opportunity to view rental housing listings for the civilian community and available privatized installation housing. Members may also post properties they would like to rent to other military personnel, find a roommate, or list their home for-sale-by-owner (FSBO) if it is not listed with a real estate agent. More information is available on the [AHRN website](#).

The Department of Defense provides the Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP) to eligible service members and federal civilian employees (including non-appropriated fund employees). The program is authorized by law and administered by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to assist eligible homeowners who face financial loss when selling their primary residence homes in areas where real estate values have declined because of a base closure or realignment announcement. More information is available on the [HAP website](#).

Army

Army Housing OneStop is the official Army website for Soldiers who need information about Military Family Housing (MFH), Unaccompanied Personnel Housing (UPH), and/or Community Housing. It includes both comprehensive and quick-reference information for Army installations worldwide to include floor plans, photo tours, policies and procedures, programs and services, waiting list information, information on allowances, forms, contact information, utilities, schools, and maps. More information is available on the [Army Housing OneStop website](#).

The Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (OACSIM) Army Housing Division website provides current information on family and unaccompanied housing, as well as the status of the current housing plans for the Army. It also provides a virtual library of Army facilities and housing directives. More information is available on the [Army Housing Division website](#).

Marine Corps

Navy and Marine Corps Housing OneStop is a comprehensive website providing an installation look-up list and information on a number of topics including waiting lists, floor plans, photos, installation housing directories, and frequently asked questions. More information is available on the [Navy Housing OneStop website](#).

The Marine Corps Facilities Branch Housing Management website provides information on family and unaccompanied housing for service members. More information is available on the [Marine Corps Housing Management website](#).

Navy

Navy and Marine Corps Housing OneStop is a comprehensive website providing an installation look-up list and information on a number of topics including waiting lists, floor plans, photos, installation housing directories, and frequently asked questions. More information is available on the [Navy Housing OneStop website](#).

The Commander Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Navy Housing website provides the most current Navy information on housing. It includes information on bachelor housing and also allows service members and their families to check their position on the waiting list for family housing. More information is available on the [CNIC Navy Housing website](#).

Air Force

The Air Force Housing Privatization website provides information about past, present, and future projects in privatization. Visitors to the site can also access documents, policies, and procedures associated with privatization. The site provides overall program information, individual project status updates, and links to resources. More information is available on the [Air Force Housing Privatization website](#).

Coast Guard

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) is a private, nonprofit organization providing financial assistance to members of the Coast Guard community during times of need. Housing assistance may be provided to assist clients, who have demonstrated a financial need, in obtaining housing and establishing a household when moving to a new area. Housing assistance may also be provided to help with settlement charges when purchasing a home, deposits when renting, or with the cost of establishing utilities. More information is available on the [CGMA Housing Assistance website](#).

The Coast Guard Housing Division ensures that all Coast Guard members and their dependents obtain adequate housing within a reasonable commute of duty stations. The Coast Guard's housing strategy relies primarily on community-based housing, using the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH), and constructing or leasing housing when adequate and affordable community housing is not available. More information is available on the [USCG Housing Division website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

Operation Homefront Village

Operation Homefront Village allows wounded service members to live rent free while they go through the transition process. Upon placement in Operation Homefront Village, Operation Homefront counselors set up a mandatory schedule for veterans and their families to attend support groups, workshops, benefits briefings, and resume writing classes, as determined by their counselor. Counselors also meet with veterans and their spouse every thirty days to review their financial situation, determine where they are in the transition process, review their attendance in

the required workshops and classes, and determine if they still present adequate need to continue living in Operation Homefront Village. Once they have become self sufficient, counselors help veterans find suitable permanent housing. More information is available on the [Operation Homefront Village website](#).

United Services Organization (USO)

The USO is a private, nonprofit organization that supports service members and their families by providing morale, welfare, and recreation-type services. The USO can help military families locate both short and long-term housing. Emergency housing can also be arranged for military members and their families. More information is available on the [USO website](#).

USA Cares Housing Assistance Program

USA Cares provides financial and advocacy assistance to post 9/11 active duty military service personnel, veterans, and their families. USA Cares assists all branches of Service, all ranks, and components free of charge. The USA Cares Housing Assistance Program offers budgetary counseling and help renegotiating a negotiation of the mortgage to bring the mortgage current. More information is available on the [USA Cares Housing Assistance Program website](#).

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Department of Defense

The Armed Forces Legal Assistance (AFLA) is a joint effort of the legal assistance divisions of the Judge Advocate Generals' Corps of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. The AFLA website provides service members and their families with an overview of legal assistance topics and an application that allows visitors to locate the nearest Legal Assistance Office for consultation with a Legal Assistance Attorney. More information is available on the [AFLA website](#).

Army

Army Legal Assistance provides general information, toolkits, and answers to frequently asked questions for Soldiers, family members, and other eligible clients. The website also provides a directory of Legal Assistance Offices aboard Army installations. More information is available on the [Army Legal Assistance website](#).

The MyArmyBenefits website provides summaries of federal and state benefits for over 150 programs to include detailed information on the benefits available to active duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, Army National Guard Soldiers on federal and state active duty, Army National Guard Soldiers in drilling status, activated Army Reserve Soldiers, and drilling Army Reserve Soldiers. Included on the site is a separate section for [Legal Assistance](#).

Marine Corps

The Legal Assistance Branch (JAL) branch of the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) to the Commandant of the Marine Corps website provides links to various legal topics (i.e., advisories, scams, citizenship/immigration information, etc.), Marine Corps policy, and a directory of Legal Assistance Branches across the Marine Corps. More information is available on the [JAL SJA to the Commandant of the Marine Corps website](#).

Navy

The Navy Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps provides solutions, from a military perspective, to legal issues involving military operations, organization, and personnel, wherever and whenever such solutions are required, with primary focus on operations, accountability, Sailor legal readiness, and Navy legal readiness. The Navy JAG provides Sailors legal services to include defense attorney representation, legal assistance, and assistance with command/trial legal issues. More information is available on the [Navy JAG Corps website](#).

Air Force

The Judge Advocate General (JAG) United States Air Force (USAF) is responsible for all legal matters for the Air Force to include legal assistance services for service members, their families, certain Reserve members, and retirees. More information is available on the [JAG USAF website](#)

Coast Guard

Coast Guard Legal Assistance provides information on various legal assistance topics to include consumer and contract matters, creditor and debtor relations, family law, and wills and estate planning. More information is available on the [Coast Guard Legal Assistance website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

American Bar Association (ABA) Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel (LAMP)

This Committee manages Operation Enduring LAMP, a consortium of state and local bar associations that recruits volunteer attorneys to assist military Legal Assistance Attorneys with civil law cases affecting service members. More information is available on the [ABA Standing Committee on Legal Assistance website](#).

American Red Cross Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA)

The American Red Cross is the nation's premier emergency response organization. In addition to domestic disaster relief, the American Red Cross offers compassionate services in five other areas: community services that help the needy; support and comfort for military members and their families; the collection, processing, and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products; educational programs that promote health and safety; and international relief and development programs. The American Red Cross assists claimants who seek to appeal to the BVA. More information is available on the [American Red Cross BVA website](#).

Council of Better Business Bureau (CBBB) Military Line

The CBBB Military Line is designed to support service members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians, and their families by providing information to protect them from unscrupulous business practices. Visitors to the site can view reports on businesses and charities, file complaints, view information related to specific Service branches, and search for local BBB branches by zip code or military installation. More information is available on the [CBBB Military Line website](#).

Military Consumer Sentinel

Military Consumer Sentinel is a joint initiative of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Defense (DoD) designed to help improve consumer protection for service members, their families, and DoD civilians. The Consumer Sentinel website allows service

members, DoD civilians, and their families to file consumer complaints, which are used by over 500 law enforcement organizations to target cases for prosecution and other enforcement measures. More information is available on the [Military Consumer Sentinel website](#).

National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP)

The NVLSP is an independent, nonprofit, charitable organization acting to ensure that the United States government honors the pact made with its veterans. Along with advocacy, education, and training, the NVLSP oversees a consortium of four organizations, which provide pro bono legal representation for veterans appealing the Department of Veterans Affairs decision to deny benefits. More information is available on the [NVLSP website](#).

VetsFirst

A program of the United Spinal Association, the VetsFirst program directly serves the needs of the veteran community through a network of National Service Officers providing assistance and representation in claims for benefits and services before the Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal and state agencies, and legal representation before the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. More information is available on the [VetsFirst website](#).

RECREATION

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Army

Army Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) provides support and leisure services designed to enhance the lives of Soldiers (active, Reserve, and Guard), their families, civilian employees, military retirees, and other eligible participants. More information is available on the [Army MWR website](#).

The MyArmyBenefits website provides summaries of federal and state benefits for over 150 programs to include detailed information on the benefits available to active duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, Army National Guard Soldiers on federal and state active duty, Army National Guard Soldiers in drilling status, activated Army Reserve Soldiers, and drilling Army Reserve Soldiers. Included on the site is a separate section for [Morale, Welfare, and Recreation \(MWR\)](#).

Marine Corps

Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) resulted from a merger between Marine Corps recreational programs, Marine Corps services, the Marine Corps Exchange, and a number of military personnel services. MCCS provides eligible patrons with the entire spectrum of quality of life programs and services. Information specific to recreation and fitness programs is available on the [MCCS website](#).

Navy

The Navy Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Division administers a varied program of recreational, social, and community support activities on Navy facilities worldwide, providing active duty, Reserve, and retired Navy personnel and their families with sports and physical fitness activities, child development and youth programs, and a variety of food and beverage services. More information is available on the [Navy MWR website](#).

Air Force

United States Air Force (USAF) Services provides eligible patrons with recreation and leisure programs as well as family member and community services programs. More information is available on the [USAF Services website](#).

Coast Guard

The Coast Guard Morale, Well-Being, and Recreation (MWR) program provides recreational opportunities to eligible personnel through customer-driven programs and services. More information is available on the [Coast Guard MWR website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

American Legion Family Travel

This program provides American Legion, Sons of the American Legion members and their extended families with specific rate packages negotiated for flights, rental cars, hotels, vacation packages, and cruises. More information is available on the [American Legion Family Travel website](#).

Armed Forces Vacation Club

The Armed Forces Vacation Club provides Department of Defense-affiliated personnel with "space available" affordable condominium vacations at over 3,500 resorts around the world. More information is available on the [Armed Forces Vacation Club website](#).

Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association (ASYMCA) Recreation and Fitness

ASYMCA offers a variety of programs designed to meet the specific needs of each branch of Service to keep children and adults entertained and active. More information is available on the [ASYMC A Recreation and Fitness website](#).

Government and Armed Forces Travel Cooperative (GovArm)

GovArm is a government and armed forces travel cooperative providing leisure and vacation services for civilian employees, government employees (federal, state, and local), members of the military Services, retired civilian government employees, retired military personnel, and adult dependents of government civilians (retired or active) and military personnel (retired or active). More information is available on the [GovArm website](#).

United Services Organizations (USO)

The USO is a private, nonprofit organization supporting service members and their families by providing morale, welfare, and recreation-type services. The USO currently operates more than 135 centers worldwide, including ten mobile canteens located in the continental United States and overseas. Overseas centers are located in Germany, Italy, the United Arab Emirates, Japan, Qatar, Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, Guam, and Kuwait. More information is available on the [USO website](#).

RELOCATION

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Department of Defense

Department of Defense (DoD) Lodging is the official worldwide temporary lodging website for reservations to Air Force Inns and Navy Gateway Inns and Suites facilities worldwide. Visitors can find and book reservations through this website. More information is available on the [DoD Lodging website](#).

Automated Housing Referral Network (AHRN) is sponsored by the Department of Defense and is designed to improve the process of securing available housing for relocating military members and their families. Service members can also post ads for a roommate or list their own property for rent along with local property managers. More information is available on the [AHRN website](#).

Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) provides transportation management for the military. Through the website's Help Desk, service members can get information regarding shipment of personal property and household goods. More information is available on the [SDDC website](#).

Army

The Army Relocation Readiness Program helps Soldiers and their families as they prepare to relocate, during their relocation, and while getting settled in a new location. More information is available on the [Army Relocation Readiness Program website](#).

The MyArmyBenefits website provides summaries of federal and state benefits for over 150 programs to include detailed information on the benefits available to active duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, Army National Guard Soldiers on federal and state active duty, Army National Guard Soldiers in drilling status, activated Army Reserve Soldiers, and drilling Army Reserve Soldiers. Included on the site is a separate section for [Relocation Assistance](#).

Army Emergency Relief (AER) is a private, nonprofit organization whose sole mission is to help Soldiers and their dependents. AER can provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers (active duty and retired) and their dependents when there is a valid need. When Soldiers experience a financial emergency related to relocation, AER may be able to provide assistance in the form of a low interest loan. More information is available on the [AER website](#).

Marine Corps

The Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) Relocation Assistance Program provides information on a number of topics including benefits and entitlements, temporary lodging facilities, and youth sponsorship programs. More information is available on the [MCCS Relocation Assistance website](#).

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) is a private, nonprofit organization providing financial, educational, and other assistance to Sailors, Marines, eligible family members, and survivors when in need. Services provided include emergency financial assistance, budget counseling, visiting nurses, and related services. The NMCRS may be able to provide emergency financial assistance to Marines in the form of a low interest loan. More information is available on the [NMCRS website](#).

Navy

The Navy Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) Relocation Assistance website provides detailed information on military moving benefits and links for Navy housing and schools, as well as a number of other helpful relocation resources. More information is available on the [Navy FFSC Relocation Assistance website](#).

The Navy Personnel Command Family Assistance and Relocation Assistance website offers information, support, and community resources for families preparing for a move including detailed information for each Navy installation on topics such as housing, education, and TRICARE. More information is available on the [Navy Personnel Command Family Support and Relocation Assistance website](#).

Navy SMARTWebMove is intended to help active duty personnel and their families plan and arrange household goods moves online. The website provides clear, easy to follow instructions and quick access to statutes and to Department of Defense and Service regulations related to household goods moves. More information is available on the [Navy SMARTWebMove website](#).

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) is a private, nonprofit organization providing financial, educational, and other assistance to Sailors, Marines, eligible family members, and survivors when in need. Services provided include emergency financial assistance, budget counseling, visiting nurses, and related services. The NMCRS may be able to provide emergency financial assistance to Marines in the form of a low interest loan. More information is available on the [NMCRS website](#).

Air Force

The Air Force Community Relocation website provides military families with detailed descriptions of military benefits and links to other helpful relocation resources. More information is available on the [Air Force Community Relocation Assistance website](#).

Air Force MOVE provides logistical information on military relocation benefits. It includes point of contact information for installation level programs and services, moving guides, moving tips, and online brochures. More information is available on the [Air Force MOVE website](#).

Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) provides emergency assistance to Air Force members and their families, including interest-free loans, grants, or a combination of both. AFAS maintains an open door policy, encouraging individuals to apply for assistance when they feel an emergency situation exists. More information is available on the [AFAS website](#).

Coast Guard

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Relocation Assistance provides relocation information for USCG personnel and their families, including an explanation of the relocation cycle and a list of USCG installations with links to contact information and other relocation resources. More information is available on the [USCG Relocation Assistance website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

American Legion Home Benefits

American Legion members can receive member preferred discounts of fifty percent or more on interstate moving, in-transit storage, and personal property protection coverage from two leading national van lines - North American and Allied Van Lines. More information is available on the [American Legion Home Benefits website](#).

Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association (ASYMCA) Operation Hero

The Operation Hero program aids children aged six to twelve years of age who are experiencing temporary difficulties in school, both socially and academically. These difficulties are often caused by frequent moves and family disruption due to deployments. More information is available on the [Operation Hero website](#).

Military Spouse Resource Center

The Military Spouse Resource Center is a comprehensive web portal that connects military spouses to relevant employment, education and training, and relocation information. More information is available on the [Military Spouse Resource Center website](#).

Military Youth on the Move (MYOM)

A replacement for Military Teens on the Move (MTOM), this site is an easy to use resource that reaches out to youth with creative ways to cope with issues that arise in the face of a move, such as transitioning to a new school, saying goodbye to friends, and getting involved in a new community. The website is divided into three target audiences: elementary school, middle school, and high school. More information is available on the [Military Youth on the Move website](#).

Operation Homefront Moving Assistance Program

Operation Homefront is a charity operating under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Defense. It provides emergency assistance and morale to service members, the families they leave behind, and to wounded warriors when they return from deployment. The Moving Assistance Program supplies the physical labor or moving company to assist families with deployed service members with non-PCS moves including moving to new/larger quarters, moving items into/out of storage units upon deployment or return from deployment, and moving from civilian units into military housing. More information is available on the [Operation Homefront Moving Assistance Program website](#).

SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Department of Defense

The Priority Placement Program (PPP) offers employment preference to DoD employees as well as to military spouses. Priority Programs apply to both civil service and non-appropriated fund (NAF) positions. The PPP is an internal DoD program that assists displaced employees in finding employment. The program was designed to provide the maximum opportunity for employment for those who are eligible. The PPP includes a number of different programs, including one specifically geared towards helping military spouses find jobs after a move. It is called the DoD Military Spouse Preference Program, or Program "S." Program "S" ensures that military spouses receive preference for certain competitive service positions in the United States and its territories. It was intended to lessen the impact on the career of the military spouse when a permanent change of duty station (PCS) move is required. More information is available on the [PPP website](#).

The Department of Defense is now offering eligible spouses up to \$6,000 of financial assistance (FA) to pay for education, training, degrees, licenses, and certificates needed to pursue job opportunities in high growth, high demand portable career fields. The Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (MyCAA) program uses this funding to pay schools directly for coursework and exams taken by the spouse account owner. More information is available on the [MyCAA website](#)

Army

Army OneSource is the website of Army Community Service (ACS), the organization providing family programs and services to members of the Army. This website offers a variety of information, links, services, and resources for Soldiers, family members, staff, and civilians, including job postings and discussions, information on the Army Spouse Employment Partnership, and a job search tool. More information is available on the [Army Employment Readiness website](#).

Also known as Program "F" of the Department of Defense Priority Placement Programs (PPP), the Army's Family Member Placement Program provides a systematic referral of current Department of the Army (DA) employees who are family members of DA civilian or military personnel involved in a permanent change of station (PCS) from one DA activity to another DA activity within the United States. More information is available on the [Army Family Member Placement Program website](#).

The MyArmyBenefits website provides summaries of federal and state benefits for over 150 programs to include detailed information on the benefits available to active duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, Army National Guard Soldiers on federal and state active duty, Army National Guard Soldiers in drilling status, activated Army Reserve Soldiers, and drilling Army Reserve Soldiers.

Included on the site are separate sections for [Employment Readiness Program \(ERP\)](#) and the [Military Spouse Preference Program \(Program “S”\)](#).

Marine Corps

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP) provides employment, education, and volunteer activity assistance to family members of active duty personnel, reserve personnel, retirees, and civilians. More information is available on the [Marine Corps FMEAP website](#).

Navy

The Family Employment Readiness Program (FERP) website provides information on job search tips, how to network to find employment, and links to other programs that offer corporate partnerships geared towards military spouses seeking employment. More information is available on the [Navy FERP website](#).

Air Force

Air Force Community is the official Air Force website for military family members and the helping agencies that provide support to them. The Employment section provides information on government and commercial job listings, job fairs, and links to spouse employment programs offered by the Department of Defense. More information is available on the [Air Force Community Employment](#).

Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) is a private, nonprofit organization that provides emergency financial assistance to Air Force members and their families, including interest-free loans, grants, or a combination of both. AFAS maintains an open door policy, encouraging individuals to apply for assistance when they feel an emergency situation exists. The Spouse Employment Program provides entry-level job training to active duty Air Force spouses with the goal being immediate, viable employment. More information is available on the [AFAS Spouse Employment Program website](#).

Coast Guard

The Spouse Employment Assistance Program assists spouses overcoming the difficulties associated with finding employment, especially during the relocation process. The Program provides comprehensive and standardized employment information and services at Work-Life Offices throughout the Coast Guard. More information is available on the [USCG Spouse Employment Assistance Program website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

Career OneStop Key to Career Success

Career OneStop is a Department of Labor-sponsored website offering career resources and workforce information to job seekers, students, businesses, and workforce professionals to foster talent development in a global economy. The Key to Career Success Campaign provides military spouses with job search, career planning, training, and family resources. More information is available on the [Career OneStop Key to Career Success website](#).

Coalition to Salute America's Heroes Wounded Hero Career Network

The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes has six employment and development programs for wounded service members and their spouses: Career Counseling and Job Search Assistance, Job Shadowing and Mentoring, Online Training, Partner Appreciation Program, Entrepreneurial Boot Camp for Veterans, and Job Fairs. More information is available on the [Wounded Hero Career Network website](#).

Military Spouse Corporate Career Network (MSCCN)

MSCCN is a nonprofit agency that assists military spouses in locating career opportunities. It is a no-cost service that works in conjunction with military family service centers to provide employment and career opportunities for military spouses. More information is available on the [MSCCN website](#).

Military Spouse Resource Center

The Military Spouse Resource Center, popularly known as MilSpouse.org, is a comprehensive web portal that connects military spouses to relevant employment, education and training, and relocation information. Relocating military spouses can use MilSpouse.org to find information on military family focused job banks, education and training, child care, community activities, and more. More information is available on the [Military Spouse Resource Center website](#).

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Department of Defense

TurboTAP is the Department of Defense's official website providing information for service members on transitioning from military service. This site is also supported by the Departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs. TurboTAP.org is intended to supplement the services offered by the Transition Assistance Offices and other groups. More information is available on the [TurboTAP website](#).

The Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP) is an integral component of the Transition Assistance Program, involving intervention on behalf of service members who may be released because of a disability or who believe they have a disability qualifying them for the Department of Veterans Affairs' Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program (VR&E). DTAP offers information and counseling, primarily on vocational rehabilitation and employment options. It also addresses insurance, specially adapted housing, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. More information is available on the [DTAP website](#).

The Pre-Discharge Program is a joint Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense program giving service members the opportunity to file claims for disability compensation up to 180 days prior to separation or retirement from active duty or full-time National Guard or Reserve duty (Titles 10 and 32). More information is available on the [Pre-Discharge Program website](#).

Troops to Teachers is a Department of Education and Department of Defense program helping eligible military personnel begin a new career as teachers in public schools. More information is available on the [Troops to Teachers website](#).

Department of Labor

Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) provides veterans and transitioning service members with resources and services to succeed in the 21st century workforce by maximizing their employment opportunities, protecting their employment rights and meeting labor-market demands with qualified veterans. More information is available on the [VETS website](#).

Career OneStop is a Department of Labor-sponsored website offering career resources and workforce information to job seekers, students, businesses, and workforce professionals to foster talent development in a global economy. The Key to Career Success Campaign connects veterans and transitioning service members with high quality career planning, training, and job search resources. More information is available on the [Career OneStop Key to Career Success website](#).

Army

The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) provides transition and job assistance services to Soldiers and civilian employees and their family members who are separating from the military. This includes information about the Transition Assistance Program and links to job listings. The ACAP website allows visitors to find the nearest ACAP Center through an interactive map or through their appropriate region. For each ACAP center, the website provides phone and email contact information, the website address (if available), and a description of the center. More information is available on the [ACAP website](#).

ACAP Express gives eligible service members or veterans the ability to go online at any time, from any location, to register for and receive ACAP services. Visitors can use the website to register for pre-separation counseling; schedule a Transition Assistance Program Employment Workshop, Veterans Administration Briefing, or Employment Assistance Training; access online tools for creating resumes and cover letters; and to connect with ACAP service providers for support and resources. More information is available on the [ACAP Express website](#).

The Army Retirement Services Office (RSO) website provides information on benefits and entitlements to active duty Soldiers and families preparing for retirement and to retired Soldiers and families. More information is available on the [Army RSO website](#).

The Job Connections for Army Wounded Warriors (AW2) website is designed to meet the needs of both disabled Soldiers who want the chance to work and the employers who want to actively recruit them. More information is available on the [Job Connections for AW2 website](#).

Army Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) explains how Soldiers can meet civilian certification and license requirements related to their military occupational specialties (MOSs), and serves as a resource to identify what civilian credentials relate to their MOS and how to obtain them. More information is available on the [Army COOL website](#).

The MyArmyBenefits website provides summaries of federal and state benefits for over 150 programs to include detailed information on the benefits available to active duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, Army National Guard Soldiers on federal and state active duty, Army National Guard Soldiers in drilling status, activated Army Reserve Soldiers, and drilling Army Reserve Soldiers. Included on the site are separate sections for [Army Career and Alumni Program \(ACAP\)](#), [Disabled Transition Assistance Program \(DTAP\)](#), [Transition Assistance Program \(TAP\)](#), and [Troops to Teachers](#).

Marine Corps

The Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP) provides career/employment assistance, vocational guidance, and transition information to separating Marines and their family members. More information is available on the [Marine Corps TAMP website](#).

Marine for Life provides assistance to Marines who leave active duty and return to civilian life. The Marine for Life network consists of Marines, Marine veterans, mentors, businesses, and

civic and veterans' organizations. The program helps Marines make a smooth and successful transition to the community. More information is available on the [Marine for Life website](#).

Navy

The Navy's transition programs and services focus on making sure Navy service members have the knowledge they need to ensure a smooth transition when they decide to return to civilian life. More information is available on the [Navy Transition Assistance Program website](#).

Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) explains how Sailors can meet civilian certification and license requirements related to their military occupational specialties (MOSs), and serves as a resource to identify what civilian credentials relate to their MOS and how to obtain them. More information is available on the [Navy COOL website](#).

Air Force

Air Force Community is the official Air Force website for military family members and the helping agencies that provide support to them. The Air Force Transition Assistance Program assists Airmen, civilian employees, and their family members facing the transition from military to civilian life by providing them with the information, skills, and knowledge needed for a smooth and successful transition. More information is available on the [Air Force Transition Assistance Program website](#).

Coast Guard

The Coast Guard Transition Assistance Program provides information and assistance to all separating and retiring members to help them make an effective transition from military to civilian life. An integral aspect of this goal is to ensure that separating members are made aware of, and have access to, the numerous programs and services available to assist them in the transition process. More information is available on the [Coast Guard Transition Assistance Program website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

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Helmets to Hardhats

Helmets to Hardhats is a national, nonprofit program that connects National Guard, Reserve, and transitioning active duty military members with quality career training and employment

opportunities within the construction industry. More information is available on the [Helmets to Hardhats website](#).

Hire Vets First

Hire Vets first was created to help employers find qualified veterans, and to help veterans make the best use of a national network of employment resources. The site includes links and resources to help veterans search for jobs, find information about one-stop career centers, translate their military skills into current civilian workplace needs, and find help writing a resume. More information is available on the [Hire Vets First website](#).

O*NET OnLine

O*NET, the Occupational Information Network, is a comprehensive database of occupational skills, knowledge, and abilities that can help align military experience, education, and training curricula with current civilian workplace needs. The Crosswalk Search feature enables transitioning service members to enter or search for a military occupation code (MOS) and then locate matching civilian job descriptions for use when developing resumes and preparing for job interviews. More information is available on the [O*NET OnLine website](#).

WOUNDED WARRIOR SUPPORT

GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PROGRAMS

Department of Defense

TRICARE Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program (CAP) provides assistive technology and services to people with disabilities, federal managers, supervisors, IT professionals, and wounded services members free of charge. More information is available on the [TRICARE CAP website](#).

Warrior Care is the Department of Defense's official website for wounded warrior care. The website serves as a portal to various resources. More information is available on the [Warrior Care website](#).

The Wounded Warrior Resource Center (WWRC) is a Department of Defense website providing wounded service members, their families, and caregivers with information they need on military facilities, health care services, and benefits. It supports access to the Wounded Warrior Resource Call Center and trained specialists who are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by phone at 1-800-342-9647 or by email at wwrc@militaryonesource.com. More information is available on the [WWRC website](#).

Yellow Ribbon America provides the national framework to organize America's cities and towns, delivering immediate and direct support to America's deployed and returning military personnel, and their families. The Welcome Home Project/Military Injured Support provides a welcome home ceremony for injured service members and provides returning wounded service members with gift baskets to thank them for their service. More information is available on the [Yellow Ribbon America Welcome Home Project/Military Injured Support website](#).

Social Security Administration (SSA)

Military service members can receive expedited processing of disability claims from Social Security. Benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application. The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs. More information is available on the [SSA Benefits for Wounded Warriors website](#).

Army

Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2) assists and advocates for severely wounded, ill, and injured Soldiers and their families by supporting and advising them during medical treatment, rehabilitation, and transition back into the Army or a civilian community. More information is available on the [AW2 website](#).

The Always a Soldier program is sponsored by the Army Materiel Command (AMC) and is designed to help wounded veterans find jobs or internships. Soldiers can use the website to complete an employment information form, which will be reviewed by an Always a Soldier program coordinator. More information is available on the [Always a Soldier website](#).

The Warrior Transition Command provides strategic direction, and develops, integrates, synchronizes, and assesses plans, policy, capabilities, and resources for warrior care initiatives and programs dedicated to the support, care, and healing of wounded, ill and injured Soldiers, their families, and caregivers. More information is available on the [Army Warrior Transition Command website](#).

The MyArmyBenefits website provides summaries of federal and state benefits for over 150 programs to include detailed information on the benefits available to active duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, Army National Guard Soldiers on federal and state active duty, Army National Guard Soldiers in drilling status, activated Army Reserve Soldiers, and drilling Army Reserve Soldiers. Included on the site is a separate section for the [Army Wounded Warrior Program](#), [Combat-Related Injury Rehabilitation Pay](#), [Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay](#), [Disabled Transition Assistance Program \(DTAP\)](#), [Federal Taxes on Veterans' Disability or Military Retirement Pensions](#), [Social Security Disability](#), [Veterans Administration \(VA\) Aid and Attendance \(A&A\) and Household Pensions Benefits](#), [VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities](#), [Veterans Disability Compensation](#), and [Veterans Disability Pension](#).

Warrior Support serves those who served America by providing a Transition Assistance Advisor in each state and territory to help Guard members and their families with accessing Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and filing claims, TRICARE, state benefits, and access to community resources. More information is available on the [National Guard Warrior Support Office website](#).

The Army Reserve Warrior and Family Assistance Center (WFAC) provides assistance to Reserve Soldiers, veterans who served in the Army Reserve, retirees from the Army Reserve, and families of all Army Reserve Soldiers through medical care, military and Department of Veterans Affairs benefits, personal actions, financial counseling, and individual and family counseling. More information is available on the [Army Reserve WFAC website](#).

Marine Corps

The Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) provides and facilitates assistance to wounded Marines, Sailors attached to, or in support, of Marine Corps units, and their families throughout the recovery process. More information is available on the [Marine Corps WWR website](#).

Navy

The Navy Safe Harbor Program provides support and assistance to severely injured Sailors and their families throughout the process of reintegrating into the active or Reserve force or

transitioning into civilian life. More information is available on the [Navy Safe Harbor Program website](#).

Air Force

The Air Force Palace Helping Airmen Recover Together (HART) program assists Airmen wounded in action until they return to active duty or are medically retired. The program provides Airmen and their families with a family liaison officer and a community readiness consultant to provide assistance through all phases of the Palace HART process, expanded transition assistance, consultation for benefits for initial Department of Veterans Affairs disability claim filing, and extended five-year case management follow-up. To contact Air Force Palace HART or to learn more about this program, call 1-800-581-9437.

The Air Force fully supports the Office of the Secretary of Defense programs to keep highly skilled wounded warriors on active duty. If this is not feasible, the Air Force ensures Airmen receive enhanced assistance through the Air Force Wounded Warrior (AFW2) program. More information is available on the [AFW2 website](#).

Warrior Support serves those who served America by providing a Transition Assistance Advisor in each state and territory to help Guard members and their families with accessing Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and filing claims, TRICARE, state benefits, and access to community resources. More information is available on the [National Guard Warrior Support Office website](#).

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

American Legion Heroes to Hometowns

The American Legion is a large, nonprofit veteran service organization that supports the needs of military personnel who have sustained severe injuries and who are preparing to return to local communities. The American Legion operates worldwide through over 15,000 American Legion Posts. Heroes to Hometowns is a transition program for severely injured service members returning home from Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF). The program establishes a support network and coordinates resources for severely injured service members. More information is available on the [American Legion Heroes to Hometowns website](#).

Armed Forces Foundation

Armed Forces Foundation provides emergency financial assistance, vehicle modifications, laptops, housing assistance, tickets to recreation events, phone cards, and transportation assistance. The Armed Forces Foundation's Career Counseling Program establishes working relationships between large and small corporations and service members to provide education and employment opportunities free of charge. Its Housing Assistance Program allows veterans and their families to make necessary housing adaptations/upgrades from shower bars and ramps to the purchase of entire houses for those most affected. The Armed Forces Foundation also

provides hotel assistance and free lodging to visiting family members of severely injured service members in hospitals. More information is available on the [Armed Forces Foundation website](#).

Coalition to Salute America's Heroes

The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes is a nonprofit organization providing emergency financial assistance, housing assistance, counseling, and employment assistance to service members who were severely wounded during the War on Terror. More information is available on the [Coalition to Salute America's Heroes website](#). The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes Homes for Wounded War Heroes Fund forges a partnership between the wounded veteran, government agencies, manufacturers, businesses, and individuals in order to provide renovated housing at little or no cost to the veteran. More information is available on the [Homes for Wounded Heroes website](#).

Fisher House Foundation

The Fisher House program is a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs (VA). Because members of the military and their families are stationed worldwide and must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes," built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury. More information is available on the [Fisher House Foundation website](#). The Fisher House Foundation administers the Hero Miles program for the Department of Defense in accordance with the FY05 National Defense Authorization Act. The program is comprised of individual airlines whose passengers donate their frequent flyer miles to assist service members and their families. Specifically, Fisher House Foundation provides free airline tickets to military men and women who are undergoing treatment at a military or Department of Veterans Affairs medical center incident to their service in Iraq or Afghanistan, and their families. More information is available on the [Hero Miles website](#).

Helmets to Hardhats Wounded Warrior Program

Offered as a supplement to the National Helmets to Hardhats program, the Wounded Warrior program provides disabled veterans access to a construction career database including career opportunities such as project supervisors, job estimators, etc. The Wounded Warrior page offers veterans the ability to create an online resume and participate in an online community to learn more about available opportunities. The program is self-selecting, allowing veterans to apply to multiple apprenticeships and Wounded Warrior positions. More information is available on the [Helmets to Hardhats Wounded Warrior Program website](#).

Homes for Our Troops

Homes for Our Troops builds new home or remodels existing homes for veterans who meet the Department of Veterans Affairs guidelines for the Special Adapted Housing Grant. More information is available on the [Homes for Our Troops website](#).

Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund

The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund provides injured Marines, Sailors, and their families with financial grants during the immediate crisis period following an injury and also provides financial assistance to help address more long-term needs and concerns. More information is available on the [Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund website](#).

National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) Child Care Assistance for Severely Injured Military Members

NACCCRA and the military Services have partnered to provide families of severely injured military members with assistance finding and paying for safe, licensed child care services for a period of six months during their period of recuperation. Extensions beyond the six month period will be considered based upon physician reassessment. The program is available nationwide wherever the injured member is receiving either in-patient or out-patient medical care. More information is available on the [NACCRRA Child Care Assistance for Severely Injured Military Members website](#).

Operation Homefront Village

Operation Homefront Village allows wounded service members to live rent free while they go through the transition process. Upon placement in Operation Homefront Village, Operation Homefront counselors set up a mandatory schedule for veterans and their families to attend support groups, workshops, benefits briefings, and resume writing classes, as determined by their counselor. Counselors also meet with veterans and their spouse every thirty days to review their financial situation, determine where they are in the transition process, review their attendance in the required workshops and classes, and determine if they still present adequate need to continue living in Operation Homefront Village. Once they have become self sufficient, counselors help veterans find suitable permanent housing. More information is available on the [Operation Homefront Village website](#).

Operation Warfighter

The Department of Defense sponsors Operation Warfighter, an internship program for wounded, ill, and injured service members who are convalescing at military treatment facilities across the United States. Operation Warfighter is designed to provide recuperating service members with meaningful activity outside of the hospital environment that assists in their wellness and offers a formal means of transition back to the civilian workforce. Open to active duty, National Guard, and Reserve components, Operation Warfighter represents an opportunity for service members in a medical hold status to build their resumes, explore employment interests, develop job skills, and gain valuable federal government work experience that will prepare them for the future. The program simultaneously enables participating federal agencies to avail themselves of the considerable talent and dedication of these recuperating service members. More information is available on the [Operation Warfighter website](#).

Our Military Kids

Our Military Kids provides tangible support to the children of deployed and severely injured National Guard and Reserve personnel through grants for sports, fine arts, and tutoring that nurture and sustain the children during the time a service member parent is away. More information is available on the [Our Military Kids website](#).

Special Operations Warrior Foundation

The Special Operations Warrior Foundation provides full scholarship grants and educational and family counseling to the surviving children of special operations personnel who die in operational or training missions, and immediate financial assistance to severely wounded special operations personnel and their families. More information is available on the [Special Operations Warrior Foundation website](#).

United Services Organization (USO)

The USO is a private, nonprofit organization that supports service members and their families by providing morale, welfare, and recreation-type services. For family members of injured service

members, the USO can assist in arranging transportation and finding low-cost lodging. More information is available on the [USO website](#).

USA Cares Warrior Treatment Today

USA Cares provides financial and advocacy assistance to post 9/11 active duty military service personnel, veterans, and their families. USA Cares assists all branches of Service, all ranks, and components free of charge. Warrior Treatment Today is a USA Cares program designed to bridge the gap between personal financial demands and the need to receive treatment by removing the financial barrier that exists for many service members who suffer from Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and/or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), but cannot afford to leave their employment for treatment. USA Cares will take on the responsibility for paying essential household bills (rent/mortgage, utilities, car payment) while the service member is attending residential-type PTSD/TBI treatment. More information is available on the [USA Cares Warrior Treatment Today website](#).

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Operation Uplink

Operation Uplink was launched in 1996 to connect active duty troops and hospitalized veterans with their loved ones. The program uses contributions from supporters to purchase phone time for the men and women who are serving or have served, as well as hospitalized veterans. More information is available on the [VFW Operation Uplink website](#).